



Regional Transportation District

2010 Candidate Qualification Packet



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INTRODUCTION

The Secretary of State has prepared this summary to outline Regional Transportation District candidate qualification requirements.

This document provides a general overview of candidate qualifications. Use this as a reference guide only. Always refer to the Colorado Constitution and Colorado Revised Statutes for applicable laws.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

NUMBER OF DISTRICT SEATS: 15

Section 32-9-111(1)(a), C.R.S.

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 yrs.

Section 32-9-111(4), C.R.S.

MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT: 18 yrs.

Sections 32-9-111(5)(a) & 1-4-802(1)(g), C.R.S.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: Eligible Elector of the District

Section 32-9-109.5(1), C.R.S.

CITIZENSHIP: U.S. Citizen

Section 32-9-109.5(1), C.R.S.

ACCESS TO BALLOT:

Petition, Write-in

CANDIDATE PETITION (GENERAL ELECTION ONLY)

ELIGIBILITY:

A candidate must be a registered elector on the date of the earliest signature on the petition, as shown by the registration books of the county clerk and recorder. [Section 1-4-802(1)(g), C.R.S.]

No person may be placed in nomination by petition unless the person is an eligible elector of the political subdivision or district in which the officer is to be elected. [Section 1-4-802(1)(g), C.R.S.]

PETITION PROCESS:

The petition cannot be circulated or any signatures obtained any time prior to one hundred eighty-six (186) days before the general election. [Section 1-4-802(1)(d)(I), C.R.S.]

All petition formats must be approved by the Secretary of State prior to circulation. Once submitted, the Secretary of State will approve or disapprove each petition format no later than two (2) days following the submission. [Section 1-4-903, C.R.S.]

The petition must contain the name and address of a candidate for Regional Transportation District, and must designate the political affiliation as “not applicable”. The petition may only contain the name of one (1) candidate for one (1) office to be filled. [Sections 1-4-802(1)(a), (1)(b) & 1-4-901, C.R.S.]

Only eligible electors within the district or political subdivision may sign the petition for which the officer is to be elected. Each petition may be signed by any eligible elector who has not signed any other petition for any other candidate for the same office. [Sections 1-4-802(1)(c) & 1-4-904(1), 2(b), C.R.S.]

In order to qualify by petition two hundred-fifty (250) signatures are required. [Section 32-9-111(5)(a), C.R.S.]

In order to be eligible to circulate a petition, a person must be a resident of the state, a citizen of the United States, and at least eighteen (18) years of age. [Section 1-4-905(1), C.R.S.]

FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

Petitions must be filed with the Secretary of State no later than 3 p.m. on the one hundred fortieth (140th) day before the general election. [Section 1-4-802(1)(f)(I), C.R.S.]

Before a nomination petition may be filed, it must have a notarized candidate acceptance of nomination form attached to it. [Section 1-4-906, C.R.S.]

The candidate acceptance form must state the candidate’s name the way it will appear on the ballot. Candidate names cannot contain any title or degree designating the business or profession of the candidate. [Sections 1-4-906 & 1-5-407(4), C.R.S.]

Petition signatures will be verified by the Secretary of State and if found to be sufficient in number will be deemed valid unless a protest is made in writing within five (5) days after the statement of sufficiency is issued. [Sections 1-4-908 & 1-4-909(1), C.R.S.]

CANDIDATE AUDIO RECORDING:

Candidates are required to submit an audio recording of the pronunciation of their name to the Secretary of State no later than one hundred-forty (140) days before the general election. The audio recording must state the candidate’s name exactly as it appears on the candidate acceptance form, as this is how the candidate’s name will appear on the ballot. [SOS Election Rule 10.4.2]

Instructions on how to complete the candidate audio recording will be provided in the candidate packet and on the Secretary of State's website.

WRITE-IN

Any person who wishes to be a write-in candidate must file an affidavit of intent with the Secretary of State. The affidavit must be filed no later than the close of business on the sixty-fourth (64th) day before the general election. [Sections 1-4-1101(1) & 1-4-1102(2), C.R.S.]